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For: COMPOUNDS FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF VIRAL GROWTH

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENTHonorable Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

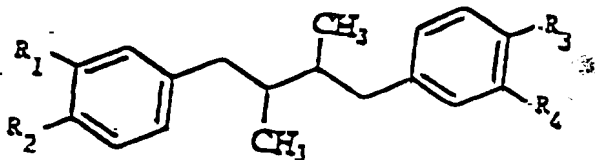
Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued September 28, 2000, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claim:

5. (Amended) A method for suppressing viral growth in a host which consists essentially of administering to the host an effective viral growth suppressing amount of a composition consisting essentially of a compound of the formula:



wherein R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are each selected from the group consisting of HO—, CH<sub>3</sub> O— and CH<sub>3</sub> (C=O)O—, provided that R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are not each HO—.

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